the rank of Additional District Magistrate as Special Officer to coordinate with the District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police or other officers responsible for implementing provisions of the Act. The State Level Committee under the Chairpersonship of Chief Minister and District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Collector are also functioning to review the effective implementation of the Act. The State Government also organises awareness camps and Sadbhavna Shivirs in the atrocity prone areas and areas predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Outstanding dues of Doordarshan

*396. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to boost revenue by getting back some of its outstanding dues from the well known producers who owe it; and

(b; if so, the dues involved and the follow up action Government have taken to recover it?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that as on 16.08.2004 Doordarshan has outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 213.57 crore against various producess, marketing and advertising agencies. This figure does not include interest charges. The Prasar Bharati has taken following steps for recovery of dues:

1. The accreditation rule has been revised for the agencies and now the marketing agencies have to submit a bank guarantee for Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs only) which was earlier for Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only).
2. To secure Doordarshan's revenue and to cover the credit period the bank guarantee amount for running serials has been enhanced to eight weeks of the telecast fee instead of six weeks. In the case of high value events, 100% bank guarantee of the minimum assured revenue is taken.

3. Outstanding are monitored on monthly basis and regular reminders are sent to the agencies for the clearance of the outstanding dues. Advance notices are being issued 15 days before the due date reminding the parties to pay their dues on due date.

4. No fresh programme/extension of programmes is being allowed to any defaulting agency/producer. In order to ensure this, the status of the dues as on date is intimated to the department that allots/extends sponsored programmes.

5. Defaulting agencies are allowed to run their programmes only on advance payment of telecast fee.

6. Agencies having outstanding have been asked to follow a payment plan to wipe off the arrears within a defined time frame. Producers/agencies following a repayment plan are not allowed the normal credit period of sixty days.

7. To recover the outstanding against the defaulting agencies, legal action has been initiated against several agencies.

Affairs of Central Wakf Council

*397. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Members and Secretary of the Central Wakf Council fulfil the terms and conditions of appointment, mentioned in the Central Wakf Council Rules;

(b) whether any amendment has been made after framing of these rules under the Wakf Act 1995, for appointment/regularization of the Members and Secretary;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Members and Secretary are eligible for getting pension from any other Department as well as full salary from the Central Wakf Council; and

(e) if not, whether Government would probe in the matter wherein any person of the Central Wakf Council is getting these benefits?